

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) An isolated polypeptide encoding a SYK-UBP protein, the polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence having at least about 95% identity to the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said SYK-UBP protein will bind to SYK.

25. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide according to Claim 24, wherein the polypeptide is encoded by a nucleotide sequence comprising the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3.

26. (Original) An isolated polypeptide encoding a SYK-UBP protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 95% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein said protein will bind to SYK.

27. (Original) The isolated polypeptide according to Claim 26, wherein said SYK-UBP protein comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4.

28. (Original) A process for producing a SYK-UBP protein, the process comprising expressing a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide of claim 26 under suitable conditions for expression of a cell cycle protein.

29. (Original) The process according to Claim 31, further comprising recovering said SYK-UBP protein.